



Lori Parnicky

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Lori Parnicky

SCHOOL: Sharpstein Elementary School

Position: Music Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 8 years

Q. How much music instruction do Sharpstein students receive?

A. Students attend music class twice a week for 30 minutes.

Q. What is your daily schedule?

A. The schedule is pretty tight. We move one class in right after the other pretty much all day long. The students sing, use percussion instruments, learn music on recorders, play guitars and other instruments to learn our music standards.

Q. In this class you were working with 2nd graders. What are their expectations?

A. We work on basic rhythmic concepts and becoming fluent with a steady beat. We use a lot of language to assist kids in learning rhythm and we try to coordinate with curriculum in the other subject areas. Song lyrics often are linked to science or social studies to help them learn vocabulary and content.

Q. How does Sharpstein's music program support the dual language program?

A. Songs are definitely a part of learning a foreign language. I do songs in English and Spanish so students are more comfortable learning the vocabulary as they progress through the program. It's not difficult for young kids to learn a new language. The students enjoy music class and have fun so that helps support their learning.

COMMENTS FROM SHARPSTEIN PRINCIPAL LAURA QUARESMA:

"Lori Parnicky collaborates with classroom teachers to integrate music and movement with district grade level curriculum.

She continues to seek and find sources that enhance learning through music. Her classroom is interactive and children love to participate in music."

Over



MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
LORI PARNICKY'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM LORI...

I work with more than 400 students so it's a challenge to know all the kids. But since I've been working with them since kindergarten, I have it down by 2nd grade. But there are times I mix up the brothers and sisters and they really call me on that.



I enjoy watching the students I have worked with go on to perform in high school groups. It's really rewarding to watch them enjoy music and continue their musical experience.

I enjoy watching the students as they learn. I love hearing their beautiful singing voices and sharing in their enthusiasm for music. It makes all the hard work worthwhile.